

## PATENT

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In re Application of

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For: SMOKERS' ARTICLE

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2003, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 9 by replacing them with the  
like-numbered claim hereinbelow. Markups are provided at the end  
of this response showing the changes made by the amendment.

1. (Twice Amended) A smokers' article characterized in that  
it comprises a tobacco rod wrapped in a separate sleeve made of  
cigarette paper, a resilient and elongated mouthpiece which is  
connected to said rod and which is made of a pressed fibrous  
material and includes a filter member arranged on the tobacco rod  
side and made integral with a tubular portion of said mouthpiece,

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